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HUMAN RIGHTS TREATIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law concluded a hearing to examine United States implementation of human rights treaties, after receiving testimony from Thomas E. Perez, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; Michael H. Posner, Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; and Wade Henderson, Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, and Elisa Massimino, Human Rights First, both of Washington, DC.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of James A. Wynn, Jr., of North Carolina, and Albert Diaz, of North Carolina, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, after the nominees, who were introduced by Senators Burr and Hagan, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Robert A. Petzel, of Minnesota, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 82 public bills, H.R. 4326–4407; and 23 resolutions, H.J. Res. 65–66; H. Con. Res. 223–225; and H. Res. 977–994 were introduced. **Pages H15498–H15502**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H15502–04**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 976, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 3326) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 64) making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2010, and for other purposes; for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4314) to permit continued financing of Government operations; for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2847) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 111–380) and

H.R. 2190, to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to phase out the use of mercury in the manufacture of chlorine and caustic soda, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–381). **Page H15498**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Baldwin to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H14983**

Adjournment Resolution: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 223, providing for the sine die adjournment of the first session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress, by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 978. **Pages H14991–92**

Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules: The House agreed to H. Res. 973, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, by a recorded vote of 218 yeas to 202 noes, Roll No. 980, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 979. **Pages H14992–93**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Monday, December 14th:

Honoring the American Kennel Club on its 125th anniversary: H. Con. Res. 160, amended, to honor the American Kennel Club on its 125th anniversary, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 419 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 981. **Pages H14993–94**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Recognizing the contributions of the American Kennel Club.”. **Page H14994**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, December 15th: